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In re Application of:

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DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed October 25, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P.§ 708.02, Item VIII: Accelerated Examination.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P., Section 708.02, Item VIII, must be accompanied by:

- (a) the required petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h),
- (b) a statement that all claims are directed a single invention or in the event that the United States Patent and Trademark Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status,
- (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, professional searcher, etc., and a listing of the field of search by class and subclass,
- (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and
- (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

The petition includes a showing that complies with the above requirements to permit the application to be made special under the accelerated examination procedure.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for accelerated examination in accordance with the M.P.E.P. § 708.01.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

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